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SUBJ: BELGIAN /SPANISH TALKS

1. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (ROBERT VAES) TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE BELGIAN/SPANISH TALKS LATE LAST WEEK HAD GONE QUITE WELL, ALTHOUGH THE BELGIANS COULD GIVE NO SATISFACTION TO THE SPANISH ON THE PROBLEM OF SPANISH ASSOCIATION WITH NATO.

2. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THAT THE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES (LOS ARCOS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICY, AND AGUIRRE DE CARCER, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPE) HAD SKIRTED ALL AROUND THE QUESTION OF SPANISH ASSOCIATION WITH NATO, BUT HAD NEVER COME OUT DIRECTLY WITH ANY SPECIFIC REQUEST. DAVIGNON HAD ASKED THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR WHETHER HE SHOULD GIVE A CLEAR NEGATIVE ANSWER TO THE SPANISH, BUT HAD BEEN ADVISED NOT TO DO SO. CONSEQUENTLY, DAVIGNON AND THE OTHER BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAD NOT RPT NOT REACTED EITHER POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY.

3. WHEN I INQUIRED WHETHER THIS MIGHT NOT HAVE GIVEN THE SPANISH SOME GROUNDS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT, THE BELGIAN AMBASSA-
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DOR SAID HE THOUGHT NOT AND THAT BELGIAN SILENCE WOULD

BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD.

4. WE SHALL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON THE OTHER ASPECTS
OF THIS VISIT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH
EMBASSY BRUSSELS CAN GIVE US ON THIS VISIT.
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